

REMARKS

Applicants have amended the specification to set forth a priority claim under 35 U.S.C. § 120 to an earlier filed application.

Applicants have canceled claims 1, 6, 7, 11-13, and 15-17, without prejudice. Applicants expressly reserve the right to pursue any cancelled subject matter in this application or in subsequent applications that claim benefit from this application.

Applicants have added claim 19. Support for this claim is found throughout the specification, e.g., at page 1, lines 4-13; page 2, lines 15 to 34; page 4, lines 13-20; and page 4, line 30 to page 7, line 15.

Applicants have amended claim 4 to recite a method for determining whether an offspring of an individual afflicted with a tumor suppressor gene disease has an increased risk of developing the tumor suppressor gene disease. Support for this claim is found throughout the specification, e.g., at page 1, lines 4-13; page 2, lines 15 to 34; page 4, lines 13-20; and page 4, line 30 to page 7, line 15.

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Applicants have amended claims 2, 3, 5, 8-10, 14,  
and 18 to depend from claim 19.

None of these amendments introduces new matter.

Applicants request entry of the amendments and consideration  
of the claims.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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